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SUBJ: CSCE: FRENCH PROPOSALS IN SUBCOMMITTEE ON CULTURAL
COOPERATION: FULLER MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE OF CULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

REF: A) GENEVA 1338; B) STATE 29051

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT ON ABOVE SUBJECT PROVISIONALLY AGREED
AND REGISTERED BY SUBCOMMITTEE 10 ON APRIL 4: BEGIN TEXT:
(THE PARTICIPATING STATES...)

(1) - TO EXAMINE JOINTLY, IF NECESSARY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF
APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE POSSIBLE CREATION
AND STRUCTURE OF A (EUROPEAN) BANK OF CULTURAL DATA (IN EUROPE),
WHICH WOULD COLLECT INFORMATION FROM THE PARTICIPATING COUN-
TRIES AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO ITS CORRESPONDENTS
(, AND TO CONVENE FOR THIS PURPOSE A MEETING OF EXPERTS)
(FROM INTERESTED STATES);

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(2) - TO CONSIDER, IF NECESSARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WAYS OF COMPILING (IN EUROPE AN)
(A EUROPEAN) INVENTORY OF DOCUMENTARY FILMS OF A CULTURAL
OR SCIENTIFIC NATURE (FROM THE PARTICIPATING STATES);

(3) - TO ENCOURAGE MORE FREQUENT BOOK EXHIBITIONS AND TO
EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING PERIODICALLY (IN EUROPE)
A LARGE-SCALE (EUROPEAN) EXHIBITION OF BOOKS (FROM THE PARTICI-
PATING STATES);

(4) - TO ENCOURAGE THE SYSTEMATIC EXCHANGE, BETWEEN THE INSTITU-
TIONS CONCERNED AND PUBLISHING HOUSES, OF CATALOGUES OF AVAIL-
ABLE BOOKS AS WELL AS OF PRE-PUBLICATION MATERIAL WHICH WILL
INCLUDE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, ALL FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS; AND
ALSO TO PROMOTE THE EXCHANGE OF MATERIAL BETWEEN FIRMS PUBLISH-
ING ENCYCLOPAEDIAS, WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE PRESENTATION
OF EACH COUNTRY;

(5) (- TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND THE
EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTATION AND EXPERIENCES BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION OF CULTURAL
PROPERTY;)

(6) (- TO EXAMINE PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
ANTHOLOGY OF SUCCESSFUL EXPERIENCE AND OF SIGNIFICANT INNOVATIONS
IN THE FIELD OF THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTURAL SITES AND OF PROTECTED SITES IN EUROPE;)
END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE IN PARAGRAPHS (1)-(3) BRACKETED
REFERENCES TO "EUROPEAN", "IN EUROPE" AND "FROM THE PARTICIPATING
STATES", REFLECTING CURRENT STATUS OF PROBLEM OF EUROPEAN FOCUS
OF FRENCH CULTURAL PROPOSALS DISCUSSED IN REF (A). DESPITE EVERY
EFFORT BY US/CANADIAN DELS TO REACH ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION BEHIND
SCENES, ASSISTED BY OTHER NATO DELS (ESPECIALLY FRG AND BELGIUM),
FRENCH DEL RECENTLY INSTRUCTED BY PARIS TO RETAIN WORD "EUROPEAN"
IN PARAGRAPHS CITED ABOVE. IT WAS THEN AGREED WITH FRENCH DEL
THAT COUNTER-FORMULATION OF "IN EUROPE" WOULD BE INSERTED IN
TEXT AND BOTH FORMULATIONS BRACKETED, THUS PROTECTING OUR POSI-
TION PENDING FURTHER EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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3. WE HAVE ACTED JOINTLY WITH CANADIANS THROUGHOUT THIS FRUS-
TRATING EXERCISE. THEY ARE NOW UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT
COMBINATION OF "EUROPEAN" AND "FROM THE PARTICIPATING STATES",
IF FRENCH REMAIN ADAMANT. WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD
MAKE THIS CONCESSION TO FRENCH, WHO ARE ISOLATED ON ISSUE. US
DEL WILL RAISE QUESTION DURING FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS IN
WASHINGTON. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, WE WILL FACE SIMILAR PROBLEM
IN CONNECTION WITH CERTAIN OTHER FRENCH PROPOSALS IN SUBCOMMITTEES

10 AND 11 TO BE CONSIDERED AFTER EASTER RECESS. THIS REGARD,
WE UNDERSTAND THAT PROBLEM WILL BE RAISED DURING MEETING OF EC-
NINE COMMITTEE III EXPERTS IN BONN JUST BEFORE RECONVENING OF
CONFERENCE.

4. OTHER BRACKETS IN ABOVE TEXT WERE INSERTED BY SOVIETS AND
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